

REMARKS

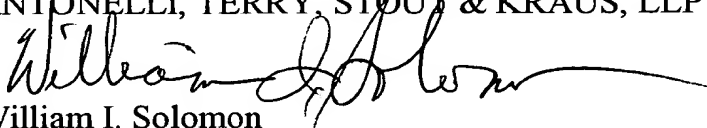
Applicants have amended the specification of the above-identified application, on the first page of the specification thereof, consistent with the requirements of 35 USC 120, to refer to prior application Serial No. 09/581,631. Clearly, this amendment of the specification does not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendment to the specification, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.38665CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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